

FCC Commissioners:

I am writing in support of XM Satellite Radio, and to let you know how I very much appreciate their variety of satellite radio services. I live in Houston, and have found their traffic and weather channel to be extremely helpful on planning my routes to-and-from work every day.

Obviously, XM listeners pay a fee to hear their broadcasts, so it is definitely a choice we have voluntarily made to hear higher quality radio, which better fits our radio listening tastes rather than the same old humdrum, advertising-filled, typical AM/FM radio.

And having "choices" is the rockbed of our life and our economy, especially when we "choose" to pay more for XM's better quality product. So I certainly hope you do not limit XM's right and ability to provide the variety of programming we want to hear. And I hope you do not limit the basic right of competition in the marketplace by XM, who has found a different medium in which to deliver their product legally, safely, and competitively within the realm of broadcasting.

I have enjoyed XM's variety of broadcast services daily for over a year, and very much appreciate the fact they added the local traffic and weather channels without any increase in the base subscription price.

For other regular broadcasters to whine and complain of XM's services simply means the others are feeling the pain of outside competition, and now want "government" protection from these vicious and outside forces who dare to compete with a different and innovative and cost-effective product.

So, as a very satisfied XM listener, I certainly hope you see my point, and hope that you kill the whiner's NAB's petition 04-160.

In the spirit of competition and the old American way, let the marketplace decide the issue.